

SFM Wildland-Urban Interface Building Standards Advisory Committee

**Meeting Notes**  
**Stakeholder Meeting – April 6, 2005**

9am – Noon

Building Standards Commission  
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
Sacramento, CA 95833

**FACILITATOR:**

Ethan Foote, Co-Chair: SFM Wildland-Urban Interface Building Standards Advisory Committee

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ethan Foote  
Joe Garcia  
Doug Hensel  
Don Oaks  
Robert Raymer  
Kevin Reinertson

**STAKEHOLDER ATTENDEES:**

Jeff Badelt  
Phillip Grisham  
Jan Hansen  
Bill Hendricks  
Joseph Holland  
Charles Jourdain  
Mark Kluver  
Kathy Lynch  
Ray Miller  
Grant Muller  
Mark Pawlicki  
Bill Towson  
David Tyree

**DOCUMENT HANDOUTS:**

1. Advisory Committee recommendation for “Phase II” (E. Foote 4/5 e-mail attachment word doc. filename: ”Emergency ET Committee Recommendation 15Mar05 Phase II.doc”).
2. SFM Express Terms “Phase I” 4-1-05 draft (E. Foote 4/5 e-mail attachment word doc. filename: ”SFM-ET-CBC WUI-Phase I-4-01-05. revised header.doc:).)
3. Text change suggestions by Mark Kluver (pp. 6-7 Phase II, hardcopy only)
4. Text (portions of) K. Dragan 3/27/05 e-mail announcing “Phasing” of regulations and estimated timelines (1p. hardcopy only)
5. Publication for background on Advisory Committee emphasis on building ignition vs. building fire resistance: Cohen, Jack. 2000. “Preventing Disaster: Home Ignitability in the Wildland-Urban Interface.” *Journal of Forestry*, March 2000.
6. Publication for background on Advisory Committee emphasis on interface conflagrations and problem definition: Butler, C. P. 1974. “The Urban-Wildland Fire Interface.” In: California Department of Forestry, *Fire Prevention Notes*. September 1976.



**AGENDA (E. FOOTE, 4/5 E-MAIL):**

1. discuss the "phasing" of the proposed standards.
2. discuss "WUI Phase I" (4/1/05 draft "express terms" Friday e-mail by L. Haberek)
3. discuss "WUI Phase II" (3/15/05 Advisory Committee Draft Recommendation)

**POSTER PAPER MEETING NOTES:**

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TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Phase I 4/1/05 express terms document
  - o content
  - o public review
  - o vents
  - o letters of support
2. Phase II 4/5/05 express terms document
  - o decking
  - o exterior walls
  - o ignition resistant materials definition (note)
  - o timeline/stakeholder review

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COMMENTS ON PHASE I

(Group comments on "Express Terms" 4/1/05 version following verbal update on draft by HCD)

1. Scope, Purpose, and Application – should read new buildings (changed from 3/15 Advisory Committee recommendation, why?)
2. Omit gutters from Phase I (many thought gutters were not in Phase I, why change from 3/15 Advisory Committee recommendation?)
3. "LRA" definition not same as "Local agency" definition (see Committee member J. Hoffman e-mail comment, definition changed from 3/15 Advisory Committee recommendation, why?)
4. Consider adding abbreviations/acronyms such as "WUI"
5. Be consistent with national use regarding terminology WUI vs. UWI. (Some thought if ICC is going to stay with UWI we should be consistent with the national standard and change from UWI to WUI only after ICC does).
6. Roof coverings vs. roof assembly – Core Committee recommendation to follow Advisory Committee. What was the actual recommendation on incorporation of Ch.15 roof sections into Ch. 7A? (changed from 3/15 Advisory Committee recommendation, why?)
7. Roof coverings – leave Chapter 15 alone, don't incorporate into Ch. 7A (if express terms are left as is, some Advisory Committee member(s) and some stakeholders will speak against Phase I at BSC hearing).
8. 704A.2.2 consider adding an exception to allow for baffled vents, other approved vents, or vents which comply with test 7A.3 or
9. 704A.2.2 have exception for eave and cornice vents which prevent flame and ember...

### OVERALL ISSUES / CONCERNS

1. SFM advisory committee (who, list of members, why restructured in December, how will stakeholder input be incorporated, what will the process be?)
2. Core steering committee (who, list of members, why created in December, what will the process be – e.g. if Core approved Advisory Committee 3/15 recommendations who made all the changes how & why)
3. SFM staff (how do they fit in above role with respect to making changes)
4. Advance notice of meeting dates needed (1/2 of the non-committee attendees today were out-of-state, need 2+ weeks)
5. Consider focused meetings with limited issue agenda, e.g. just decking.
6. There were substantive changes in express terms from 3/15 committee recommendation to 4/1 express terms document
7. Need a static, substantively unchanging, Phase I express terms document to be distributed for review ASAP.
8. Phase I express terms were supposed to be very similar to 3/15 Advisory Committee recommendations but are not.
9. Have stakeholder meetings concurrent with advisory committee meetings in the future (Advisory Committee members were not asked to attend today and most were not available for questions and discussion).
10. Recommend comments on express terms Phase I due 2 weeks after distribution of Phase I express terms (goal 4/19).
11. Recommend next joint advisory committee/stakeholder meeting the day before or the day after BSC 5/18 meeting.
12. Recommend additional meeting early June, schedule ASAP.
13. Schedule all meetings up through Phase II BSC submission.
14. Advisory Committee decision process need to be published (how will future recommendations be arrived at? stakeholder participation / process, voting? comments: on what, to whom, when, how many times? timeline for process?)
15. Meetings must have agendas ahead of time that reflect what will be discussed (low attendance today because of confusion over what was to be discussed and who should attend).

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### TASKS (FOLLOW-UP)

1. Distribute meeting dates
2. Expand duration of meetings
3. contact ICC NFPA regarding terminology UWI vs. WUI